A RESOLUTION 2004-03-02

SUPPORTING THE CITY COUNTY COOPERATION PLAN TO CREATE AN INTEGRATED STRUCTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE WORK PROGRAM FOR 2004.

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio ("City") comprises eighty percent (80%) of Bexar County's ("County") total population and three-quarters of the County's tax base; and

WHEREAS, as City residents receive services from and pay taxes to both the City and County governments, metropolitan San Antonio is an integrated system economically and socially, and should become better integrated governmentally leading the City and County to seek to expand the areas of cooperation; and

WHEREAS, over the last six months, Dr. Thomas Brereton, an urban affairs consultant, and the External Relations staff have met with various City departments to identify areas which may serve as potential City-County partnerships and similar meetings have taken place with key County staff members; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City County Cooperation Plan ("Plan") includes a work program providing specific areas identified and recommended for increased coordination, including subdivision platting in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction, emergency operations programs, geographic information systems, Community Link Service Centers, parks, a local history center and efforts to attract prospective suppliers for the Toyota manufacturing plant; and

WHEREAS, in the area of legislative affairs, the Plan work program recommends that the City and County continue cooperation as each entity prepares for the 79th Legislative Session and any Special Sessions of the 78th Legislature and further recommends that the City and County work together to submit a joint project for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Plan also provides that the City and County will provide staff support for the City/County Service Integration Commission, which will research and recommend further areas of functional and service integration; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was presented to the City Council Intergovernmental Relations

Committee in the Fall of 2003 and received favorable review and City staff recommends that the City Council support the Plan and its corresponding work program for 2004; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. City Council hereby expresses its support of the City County Cooperation Plan aimed at creating an integrated structure of local government and the related work program for 2004, in accordance with the recommendations of staff and the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee. A copy of the Plan is attached as Attachment A.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of January, 2004.

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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney